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TAGS: CPAS (COSUMANO, LUCIANO & ANGELINA)

SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATES OF NATIONALITY - 359 INA

REF: LETTER OF 11/7/75 FROM AMEMBASSY TUNIS TO CONGRESSMAN
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1. COSUMANOS HAVE "FROZEN" BANK ACCOUNTS LOCATED AT THE CENTRAL BANK OF TUNISIA. IN AN EFFORT TO RELEASE THIS MONEY THE EMBASSY IN REFERENCED LETTER STATED THAT THE COSUMANOS SHOULD OBTAIN CERTIFICATES OF FOREIGN NATIONALITY THROUGH THEIR NEAREST PASSPORT AGENCY.
2. COSUMANOS HAVE REQUESTED CERTIFICATES. HOWEVER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 359 INA SUCH CERTIFICATE MUST BE NEEDED FOR JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS IN A FOREIGN STATE AND MUST BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS TO THE JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE FOREIGN STATE IN WHICH IT IS TO BE USED.
3. COSUMANOS REQUESTED THAT CERTIFICATES BE SENT TO THEIR ATTORNEY, HENRI FELLOUS 43 AV. H. BOURGULBA, TUNIS.
4. UPON CONTACTING COSUMANOS, THEY INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT THIS MATTER "IS NOT A JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY".
5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF PRESENT ACTION IS A JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING AND WHETHER MR. FELLOUS IS AN OFFICER OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRY (TUNISIA). HIS OFFICIAL TITLE SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED.

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6. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, IF PRESENT SITUATION DOES NOT MEET

CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES, WHAT
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CENTRAL BANK OF TUNISIA, I.E.,
AND AUTHENTICATED LETTER ATTESTING TO THEIR U.S. CITIZEN-
SHIP OVER THE SEAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. KISSINGER

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